GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:342
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2005
INCREASE IN AIR TRAFFIC
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is facing several problems on account of increase in the air traffic;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the specific efforts made by AAI to solve the problems; and

(d) the funds earmarked therefor?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c) and (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c) and (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 342 FOR REPLY ON 18-08-2005 REGARDING INCREASE IN AIR TRAFFIC.

(a) & (b) Capacity constraints are being experienced at terminals as well as on the airside at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai airports. Delays in landing and take off are also being experienced at Delhi and Mumbai airports.

(c) Keeping in view the increase in air traffic, the Government has decided to upgrade the metro airports of Delhi/Mumbai through Joint Venture route. In principle decision has also been taken to upgrade the Chennai Airport under similar mode. Work on two Greenfield Airports at Devanahalli near Bangalore and at Shamshabad near Hyderabad is in progress. Government has also given in principle approval for construction of a new greenfield airport at Mopa in Goa. There are plans for construction of greenfield airports at Navi Mumbai, Chakan near Pune, Ludhiana in Punjab, Kannur in Kerala, Pakyong in Sikkim, Kohima in Nagaland which are in preliminary stages. There are also plans to upgrade and modernise 25 tentatively selected non-metro airports in the country. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has initiated steps to provide additional parking stands at metro airports, increase the runway capacity and terminal building capacity at metro airports, provide rapid exit taxi tracks and parallel taxi track to secondary runways. Besides, AAI is also under taking steps to increase the number of aircrafts movements by improvement in air traffic procedures etc. AAI also has plans to encourage domestic airlines to park their aircraft at non-metro airport by offering concessions in airport charges etc.

(d) An amount of Rs.62.79 crores has been allocated for the year 2005-06 for construction of parking bays, taxi-ways, cargo-complex etc. and for reconstruction / modification of terminal buildings.